

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, COUNTY DIRECTORS,
CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: FREDERIC M. SIMMENS, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association's First Annual
Conference

The Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association (MFCAA) is holding their first annual conference. This conference is being held to benefit foster/adoptive parents, court personnel, and Children's Division staff. The conference will be held on October 9, 10, and 11th at the Cornerstone Church of Blue Springs, 301 SE AA Highway, Blue Springs, Missouri 64014. The conference brochure containing all necessary details can be accessed at www.mfcaa.org.

The Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association has offered scholarships to 40 foster parents and 20 Children's Division staff in the Jackson County Region (includes Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties). They have also offered scholarships to 10 foster parents and 5 Division staff in each of the remaining Division regions. The scholarships include lodging, food, and registration.

The deadline for registration (and that may be done by telephone) is Monday, September 22. (Even if you have missed the cut-off, call the Association, as they still have scholarships available.) Regional administrative staff have already been contacted to submit the names of foster parent participants. This memorandum is to alert staff to the opportunity to attend some very informative workshops and to have the opportunity to interact with our resource families and court personnel. CEU and CLE credits, as well as credits for foster parent training hours, will be granted.

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